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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JOE D. BROWN

SERIAL NO.: 10/680,426

FILED: October 8, 2003

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CAUSING  
DEFLECTION OF A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

GROUP ART UNIT: 3735

EXAMINER: A. Farah

ATTY. REFERENCE: BROW3007/BEU

## COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.  
 No additional fee is required.

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Total Claims	-	<sup>1</sup>	= <sup>3</sup>	$\times \$25 =$	$\times \$50 =$
Independent Claims	-	<sup>2</sup>	= <sup>3</sup>	$\times \$100 =$	$\times \$200 =$
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$180 =		+ \$360 =
<b>TOTAL</b>					

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